

In re Application of: Kim et al.
Application No. 10/824,583
Response to Office Action of May 2, 2005

REMARKS


Claims 7-11 and 21-27 are indicated as being allowed. Claims 1, 4, 6, 12, 14-16, 18 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,833,968 to Do. Claims 2, 3, 5, 13, 17 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1 and 12 are amended to overcome the cited Do reference. In particular, the limitations of claim 5, which has been indicated as allowable, have been incorporated into independent claim 1. Similarly, the limitations of claim 19, which has been indicated as allowable, have been incorporated into claim 12. Claims 5 and 19 are canceled. Applicants submit that these amendments place all the claims in condition for allowance.

The Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 7-11 and 21-27 are allowed, and that claims 2, 3, 5, 13, 17 and 19 are allowable. The Applicants generally agree with the Examiner's determination that the prior art does not teach the invention as claimed in the allowed claims 7-11 and 21-27 and the allowable claims 2, 3, 5, 13, 17 and 19. However, the Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's characterization of the invention. The specification and the prosecution history in their entirety provide the basis for allowability of the claims.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,


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